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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN-PRC RELATIONS

1. DURING CALL ON DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFIARS DARUSMAN ON MARCH 7, DAS GLEYSTEEN ASKED REGARDING THE STATUS OF INDONESIAN RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND WHAT MIGHT BE THE PACE OF MOVEMENT TOWARDS NORMALIZATION.

2. IN RESPONSE, DARUSMAN STATED THAT THERE WERE CONTINUAL UPS AND DOWNS IN INDONESIAN THINKING AND IN THE PACE OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. FOR INSTANCE, AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT PEKING DECLARATION ON OVERSEAS CHINESE, THE TREND WAS SLIGHTLY DOWN. BASICALLY, GOI ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PRC WAS BASED ON TWO FACTORS. THE FIRST OF THESE WAS THE APPARENT CONTINUED SUPPORT IN AT LEAST A LIMITED MANNER FOR PKI ELEMENTS BY THE PRC. THE SECOND WAS THE NUMBER OF CHINESE RESIDENT IN INDONESIA, WHICH THE GOI CONTINUES TO VIEW AS A POTENTIAL DANGER. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A CONTINUING MOVEMENT FORWARD TOWARDS NORMALI-
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ZATION. LAST YEAR OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN FORMERLY CONCERNED WITH CHINA BEGAN RETRAINING IN CHINESE AFFAIRS AND LANGUAGE. THIS CONTINUES. THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE LOCATION OF A NEW CHINESE CHANCERY WHEN FULL NORMALIZATION OCCURS. THIRDLY, LISTS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP OF ALL PRINCIPAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. FURTHERMORE, PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR OFFICIAL

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CONTACTS WITH PRC MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA.
BUT, OTHER INDONESIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE ONLY
AUTHORIZED TO HAVE SOCIAL CONTACTS.

3. SARUSMAN STATED THAT, WHILE THIS IS TENTATIVE, GOI
THINKING IS THAT TOWARDS THE END OF 1978 INDONESIAN
MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL PROBABLY BE GIVEN
AUTHORITY FOR OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH THEIR PRC OPPOSITES.
THROUGH THESE CONTACTS THE INDONESIANS WILL ATTEMPT TO
ASCERTAIN TRUE CHINESE INTENTIONS TOWARDS AND DESIRES
FOR RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. BASED ON THE ASSESSMENT
OF THESE CONTACTS, REAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE
HELD IN EARLY 1969 IN EITHER NEW YORK OR GENEVA REGARDING
FULL NORMALIZATION. THE LATTER WOULD THEN OCCUR
TOWARDS THE END OF 1979.

4. DARUSMAN STRESSED THAT INDONESIA WAS IN NO HURRY TO
EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WITH PEKING. HE NOTED
THAT, ACCORDING TO A PRESS ACCOUNT, PRC PREMIER HUA
KUO-FENG HAD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED PEKING'S DESIRE FOR
EARLY NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA IN HIS
SPEECH TO THE RECENT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLES'
CONGRESS.

5. FOR HIS PART, GLEYSTEEN REVIEWED THE CURRENT STATE
OF US-PRC RELATIONS.
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6. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, DARUSMAN RAISED THE QUESTION
OF THE RUMORED PRC IDEA OF A CONFERENCE OF ASIAN STATES.
IN REPLY, GLEYSTEEN STATED THAT WE HAD HEARD
INDIRECTLY OF THIS ALLEGED PROPOSAL BUT HAD NO INFORMATION
ABOUT IT. HE SPECULATED THAT THERE COULD BE SOME
SUBSTANCE TO IT. IF THERE WERE, THE CONCEPT WOULD MORE
LIKELY SURFACE IN CHINESE CONTACTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
THAN IN WASHINGTON.
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